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Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 8, 2021

Call to Order – Ms. Richards called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held virtually at web address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83535968019>
Call-in: (929)205-6099 Meeting ID: 835 3596 8019

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call – Board Members Present: [Mr. Spencer, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Wusterbarth, Ms. McGuire, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Palmer, Ms. Richards.]

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: [Mr. Mitchell.] , Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Richman, Mr. Apsitis

Go into CLOSED SESSION: – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to go into closed session to discuss the possible purchase of property by the Township under MCL 15.268(D).
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Come out of CLOSED SESSION: – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to come out of closed session.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Agenda Additions – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to Approve agenda additions as presented as Other 4 Purchase of real Property and Other 5 –

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Furtaw field double booking. Removal of Resolution 2021-05 Master Plan until next meeting..

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to **Approval of Minutes:** Joint Work Session TWP/EIC Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2021, Work Session Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2021. **Finance:** Payment of Bills (Oscoda Township) – Total - \$184,506.73, Prepaid – March 2, 2021 - \$140,077.05-, Check Run – March 9, 2021 - \$44,429.68

YEAS – ALL

MOTION CARRIED

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES: (As Available)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

Unemployment Insurance Agency Invoice – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve payment of the Unemployment Insurance Agency invoice in the amount of \$28,859.45.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

OOP Blanket Purchase Order Request – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to Approve the blanket purchase order request in the amount of \$100,300.00.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

OOP Returning Employee Request – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to Approve the OOP Returning Employee Request as presented.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

OOP Point of Sale Equipment Purchase – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to Approve payment for OOP Point of sale equipment in the amount of \$3,042.80 with Pro Access upgrade.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

OOP Park & Foote Site Park Operation Plans – Ms. Richards supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to Approve the OOP Park & Foote Site Park Operations Plans .
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion about Van Etten SAD - Discussion to set public hearing for March 22, 2021 at 7pm for weed control.

Ratliff Park Construction Costs –Kayak Launch at Ratliff Park in the amount of \$145,120.00 . Mr. Freeman stated that we can apply for a Passport Grant to assist with cost.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution No.2021-04 Authorization to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing to Board of Review – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to approve Resolution Number 2021-04 as presented.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No.2021-06: REGARDING WEED CONTROL ON VAN ETTEN LAKE – Ms. Richards supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to Approve Van Etten Lake Special Assessment for 5 years not exceeding \$70,000.00 a year.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No.2021-07: Short Term Rental Fees – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to Approve Establishing Fees for Short-Term Rentals in the amount of \$160.00.
YEAS: Mr. Wusterbarth, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Spencer
NAYS: Ms. McGuire, Ms. Richards, Mr. Sutton
MOTION CARRIED

Other

Fire Fighter Hire Request – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to approve hiring James Lewis for the Oscoda Fire Department.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Division of Platted Lot – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to Approve request made by Steven Shastal to split 10 feet from Lot 4, block 11 of the Van Etten Lake Park Subdivision Parcel number 064-V42-011-004-00.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Rezoning Request – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to Approve rezoning the property from Industrial to Commercial Recreation for Parcel Number 063-033-400-00.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Purchase of real property – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to MLS 088-19-0075 Commonly known as 227 E River Rd in the amount of \$145,000.00 for superintendent to draft and clerk to execute .

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Double Booking of Furtaw Field Second Weekend in August –Mr. Wusterbarth wants to have the superintendent take action to resolve this tomorrow.

Public Comment –

Vince Iler- Back on March 30th of 2018 we had drawings done for possible improvement to our parks. What are we doing with them?

Cathy Wusterbarth- We have had a lot of talk in our community about our parks and Furtaw field. I am glad that everyone is getting involved. We have the Parks and Recreation Plan coming up this year. Engage public in the making of the plan.

Brian Haley- I think we need to really step forward as a board and protect or beach and Furtaw field. We have a park plan for Furtaw field. Do not loose the beach or develop it. I'm looking for a board that is a neighbor and will protect these treasures.

Dave Iler- There is lots of talk about what to develop, we are looking at opportunity zones which are in our downtown. We should come up with a compromise and listen to what the developers have to say.

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Jeremy Spencer- Furtaw Field has been on everyone's mind for the past few week. The Park is for everyone in the community and we must look at what is best for the community and not just the individuals. We need to do this as a community if we are going to move forward. The developers didn't even get to present their plan. We will all come together and bring people to the downtown.

William Palmer- If we really want to improve this township, we need to consider the developers. We have opportunity zones designated by the state downtown that we can get funding for. I hope that we will listen to proposals in the future and be more cooperative

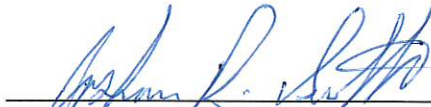
Steven Wusterbarth- Agrees with Mr. Spencer and Mr. Palmer. The way we will get improvement is if we start downtown. Let's talk about the pros and cons together and decide

Ann Richards- In 2017an RFP was issued to solicit a vendor to look at public development options for three of our parks, Furtaw Field was included, the cost was approximately \$17,000. Around the 2019 time frame the former Superintendent and I am not sure which other board members looked at placing a municipal consolidated building on Furtaw Field, costs were incurred to do so - the public was upset. In December 2020 after the newly elected board took office, we received an LOI for Furtaw Field that we were told was derived from conversations a developer had with the former Superintendent and I am not sure what board members or staff for over a year. Perhaps if we would have had open dialogue in the beginning about possible mix use options for Furtaw Field we would not now be facing so much confusion and community unrest. Moving forward this will not happen again.

Adjourn – Ms. Richards made a motion to adjourn at 09:30 p.m.



Ann Richards
Supervisor
Charter Township of Oscoda



Joshua Sutton
Clerk
Charter Township of Oscoda